

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The title of the invention has been amended to one that is believed to be indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Should this title not be acceptable, it is requested that an acceptable title be suggested.

The specification has been amended consistent with the noted objection.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected as anticipated by HIRONAKA et al. 5,336,546.

The originally filed claims have been amended so as to patentably recite the present invention. Further, new independent claim 3 has been added which patentably recites the invention. New claims 4-9 depend from new independent claim 3. New claims 10-14 depend from amended independent claim 2. As to the structure being recited in new claim 10, please see the intermediate product illustrated in application Figure 4.

The applied reference, i.e., HIRONAKA et al. fairly discloses a light emitting device having a light emitting layer comprised of a polymer material. However, as recognized by the Official Action, the polymer is used as a binder so that each component may exist stably (column 7, lines 50-52).

On the other hand, in the present invention, the material containing the polymer is a resin added to a toner.

With regards to electrophotography, see specification page 11, line 16 through page 13, line 10. In another embodiment, the light emitting layer is formed using a ribbon, which ribbon is used for the thermal transfer or sublimation method, the ribbon supporting light emitting materials containing the recited polymer. See specification page 15, line 12 through page 17, line 6.

In view of these differences, each of the independent claims are believed to be patentable.

Further, the dependent claims are believed to be allowable at least for depending from an allowable independent claim. Still further, the recitations of the dependent claims are believed allowable in their own right.

See that the dependent claims recite specific polymers and specific resin compositions.

Also, see as to claim 10, the specifically recited intermediate product comprising the substrate, positive electrodes, insulator layer, and ribbon comprised of a base film and a transfer layer pressure transferred onto the substrate. This structure is not believed to be taught or suggested by the prior art.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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